

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I missed rollcall Nos. 273, 274, and 275. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 273, 274, and 275.

**EMILY ENGLAND CLYBURN—
LIBRARIAN AND HUMANITARIAN****HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, on May 7, 2010 a good friend of mine, Emily England Clyburn, received a much deserved reward for her extraordinary service to South Carolina State College and our Nation. Her alma mater and beloved institution marked her distinguished career of public service with an honorary doctorate degree. Emily's honorary

degree embodies her humanitarian spirit, a gift she shares as a lifelong librarian.

Emily's career began with her belief in earning a strong education. She graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner, South Carolina in 1956 before going on to receive her bachelor's degree from S.C. State in 1961. Here, she met her husband, U.S. Congressman JAMES E. CLYBURN. Mrs. Clyburn went on to earn her Masters in Librarianship from the University of South Carolina in May 1977.

Mrs. Clyburn employed her education by dedicating her career to libraries. She gave her students the gift of learning by establishing the first library at Fairwold Middle School in Columbia, SC. She worked at Simonton Elementary School in Charleston, SC and was assistant librarian at Burke High School. Mrs. Clyburn was also head librarian at the Naval Hospital in Charleston, SC and eventually went on to retire in 1994 after serving two tours as Assistant Librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, SC.

Congressman and Mrs. Clyburn continue to support educational initiatives through the James E. and Emily E. Clyburn Endowment for Archives and History at their alma mater, S.C. State. S.C. State will honor Mrs.

Clyburn's lifetime of achievement with the Emily E. Clyburn Archives and History Center in the soon to be constructed James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center, a lasting symbol to a woman who will leave an everlasting legacy.

Mrs. Clyburn has been bestowed many honors in her career, none more important than that of mother and wife. Since their marriage in 1961, Congressman and Mrs. Clyburn have dedicated their lives to a sense of purpose and the betterment of society and have instilled these same values into their three wonderful daughters, Mignon, Jennifer, and Angela. I'm certain these same lasting principles will also influence their two grandchildren, Walter and Sydney.

Madam Speaker, here is someone we can all look up to and be proud of—a strong woman who overcame the many boundaries of her time and a sterling model of how we should define true success by our ability to give back. Emily England Clyburn has accomplished far more than any honorary doctorate can appropriately signify. I am proud to call Emily my friend, her husband a colleague, and their service to this Nation extraordinary.